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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

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SUBJECT: HIRC MARK-UP; SYRIAN JEWRY

1. ON APRIL 18, A FULL HIRC APPROVED BASIC NEA MARK-UP, INCLUDING \$90 MILLION FOR SYRIA. THIS WAS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP AND QABBANI, AMONG OTHERS, DESERVES CREDIT. THIS MEANS THAT THE SYRIAN PROGRAM WOULD BE SAVED EVEN IF THERE IS AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT ON THE FLOOR OF SSA FUNDING WORLDWIDE.

2. SOLARZ HINTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE SYRIAN MARK-UP ON THE FLOOR WHEN IT COMES TO A VOTE IN MID-MAY, CLEAR IMPLICATION IN HIS REMARKS IS THERE BE SOME VISIBLE PROGRESS IN SYRIAN JEWRY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOU HAD ANY EXCHANGE
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WITH ASSAD ON THAT PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DEALING
WITH SYRIAN JEWS. CHRISTOPHER

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